

## Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, May 4, 1917, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue. May 4, 1917. My darling,

I am getting in a hurry to go to you. I wish I were better satisfied about your diet. I am sure you can't go on indefinitely that way. What have you done about bathing too?

The only thing that keeps me from joining you tomorrow are the heaps of things to be done which it seems no one else will do and yet must be done. The two Montessori schools must be provided for, the servants disposed of, the house shut and my summer's supplies got.

To tell the truth I have just been living on the surface, for weeks I wouldn't give you up, then came the Foreign Missions and my "appeal," and it takes so long to do anything. It took me all day today to find out how to put a whole chicken into a pint jar and a whole fish into another, and to make strawberry preserves and can corn. I promised not only to do some canning myself, but to teach at least one other person to do so.

All the children lunch here. Tomorrow I go to the House to see Balfour received, and perhaps later I will motor with Elsie and Bert to some school they want for Gertrude.

It's cold and wet today. I wish you hadn't been in such a hurry to leave for we have not had a warm day, so you would not have suffered.

I do hope you will work out something practical with your experiments, there never was greater need.

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Much love, Mabel.